

HIE Workgroup Meeting Summary

Workgroup: AR HIE Finance Workgroup

Meeting Date: Monday, March 19, 2010 from 8:30-10:15am

Location: ACHI, 1401 West Capitol, Suite 300 Victory Building, Little Rock, AR 72201

Agenda Items:

Welcome/Introductions, SHARE Finance Principles, SHARE Finance Straw Proposal, Next Steps

In Attendance: Billie Jean Davenport, Joan Diehl, Kyleen Hawkins, Jason Lee, Ray Scott, Bruce Thomasson, Hannah Vogler

Discussion Highlights:

SHARE Finance Principles

Results of Finance Principles survey results were presented

- of those unanimously approved, 1st principle slightly changed - took out first sentence, in second sentence changed "desire" to "goal"

- "Every citizen of Arkansas..." will not be included but will be presented to Executive Committee as minority report; Joan and Hannah feel strongly that this should be included; others have issues with who should really participate (all citizens, just users, etc.) and the word "should"

- "Financing of SHARE will ensure fair distribution..." was altered to read "Financing of SHARE should ensure fair distribution and equitable allocation of costs for sustainability."

- "SHARE will provide adequate financing to ensure..." was accepted as is

- "Arkansas Medicaid will share..." was removed as principle because no single stakeholder or group should be singled out, but should be moved to "Key Assumption" section of strategic plan because we are making an important assumption that Medicaid will participate in the financing of SHARE

- "Initial foundational/infrastructure costs..." was changed to read "Funding of SHARE's initial infrastructure should not be financed through future user/subscription fees" - change was made because initial language was confusing, but we don't want to spend money on the initial infrastructure that we don't actually have yet, especially given the risk that user/subscription fees may not come about with the speed or in the way we anticipate

SHARE Finance Straw Proposal

- reviewed guidelines from HIE Toolkit and the components that will be included in the straw proposal

- reviewed components included in the Finance straw proposal, along with comments already submitted from the Workgroup

- concern about disincentivizing physicians and other providers if we charge any fee for access

- pricing models, fee structures, rates discussed - will need to be more specific, but not until operational plan

- the beginning of the last paragraph of Pricing Models should be changed to read "Although users may be charged a fee for SHARE, the details..."

- Contributions/Willingness to Pay - need to be clear that we have concerns about physician/provider fees

- Role of the State - this section needs to be more clear what are state agencies/state-funded and what are other programs, need to give specific examples of state-only projects

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- Sustainability - here, but throughout document, need to try to find better language than "utility-type" - public resource			
- for risks, need to include everything from "business case principle" in the first risk - ie return of investment, etc.			
Next Steps			
Strategic Plan:			
- Hannah will make changes to Straw Proposal and send out Monday or Tuesday, members will vote on each section			
- present recommendation to Executive Committee at March 26 meeting			
- will revise/edit as needed based on WG and EC comments			
Operational Plan:			
- reviewed guidelines from Toolkit, briefly reviewed other states' budget, expected fee structures, estimated savings, etc.			
- staff will draft Operational Plan, and we will review using same structure as Strategic Plan			
Assignments:			
Task(s)	Assigned Member(s)	Completion Date	Reporting Method
make changes to strategic plan proposal based on comments	Hannah	3/23/2010	email to WG members
present recommendations & minority report to Exec Cmte	Randy	3/26/2010	at EC meeting